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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 1, 2003, Applicants respectfully request consideration of the following remarks.

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed April 1, 2003 has been carefully reviewed and the foregoing amendment has been made in consequence thereof.

Claims 1-20 are pending in this application. Claims 1-20 stand rejected.

The rejection of Claims 1-20 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Raz (U.S. Pat. No. 6,292,827) in view of Buzsaki (U.S. Pat. No. 5,987,422) is respectfully traversed.

Raz describes an information transfer network system that includes client terminals (12), servers (18), a request broker system (40), and an information management system (23). The client terminals include a presentation system, and a control and management agent system (17). The servers include a database system (22), an application system (19), and a control and management agent system (21). The request broker system permits an exchange of information between the client terminals and the servers through communication paths (31) defined between each of the terminals and the servers. The information management